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TO: All AES Participants

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Subject: **AES CHANGES EFFECTIVE APRIL 2000**

The October 1999 Automated Export System Trade Interface Requirements (AESTIR) with all updates through March 2000, is hereby replaced with the **AESTIR APRIL 2000**. This revision was necessary to reflect the change in filing options. As of April 1, 2000, the AES-PASS filing option was eliminated from AES. The AES-PASS program was replaced with the Option 4 filing option implemented in March 1999. AES-PASS participants were given one year to convert from AES-PASS to Option 4 filing. No new AES-PASS shipments will be accepted in AES as of April 1. Participants have until May 31, 2000 to close out any outstanding shipments.

CHANGES TO AES GENERAL INFORMATION

References to AES-PASS were updated or removed as appropriate. References to the Automated Export Reporting Program were removed from the Letter of Intent format.

A statement was added to the explanation of Option 3 reporting to the effect that filers can switch between Option 2 and Option 3 dependent on the amount of information known at the time of export. A list of the pre-departure Option 3 data elements was included under Section 7. Certain text was highlighted, bolded or underlined to draw attention to it.

The only change to the Downtime Guidelines (issued December 1999) was the AESTIR issue date was changed to read April 2000.

CHANGES TO THE COMMODITY MODULE

AESTIR, Part II, Section 1 *Customs Proprietary Commodity Record Formats*, were revised to remove references to AES-PASS. This included removing the AES-PASS Status column and any text references to AES-PASS from each of the records. As well as removing any examples of AES-PASS from the Figures presented here.

A table showing the CATIR structure was added to the AES Input Requirements. References to how many times certain records may be repeated within a transmission were added to the record descriptions as well. For the SC1 record, the IATA '** or 99O' was added to provide for reporting flyaway aircraft, beginning with HS 8802. The Filing Option Indicator 'P' for pre-departure Option 3 was removed. A remark was added to the N01 record indicating the Intermediate Consignee is an optional field. If the transaction does not require an intermediate consignee then it is not necessary to report one.

A list of the data elements required when filing Pre-departure Option 3 was included.

The data elements 'Data Identifier' and 'Filler' were given a Length/Class designation as 'AN'. This was done as a programming clean up and should not require change on the part of the filers.

CHANGES TO THE TRANSPORTATION MODULE

AESTIR, Part II, Section 2 *Customs Proprietary Transportation Record Formats*

On the Manifest (M01) record under Mode of Transportation Code and Conveyance Code, 20 and/or 21 (Rail and Rail, containerized) were added to correct an omission in the documentation. On the Port (P01) record, the description was enhanced. On the Bill of Lading Transaction (B01) record, the Length/Class field was changed from 'X' to 'A' for the Manifest Units. On the Booking Data Transaction (B02) record the Length/Class field was changed from 'X' to 'A' for the Quantity Units.

On the Hazardous Material (V02) record the Length/Class field was changed from 'X' to 'A' for the Unit of Measure Code. The Status was changed to 'Mandatory' for the elements reported on the V02 record and a note was added to the description to the effect that if a V02 record is reported, there must be a V01 record. Also, a statement was added telling the filer to space fill the Negative Indicator if the code 'N' is not needed. On the Transaction Control Trailer (ZCR) record, the description of the User Code was corrected. On the Amendment (A01) record, the data element 'Record ID' was removed as were the footnotes referring to the Action Code 'C' (not available at this time).

CHANGES TO APPENDICES

AESTIR, Part III

All of the Appendices were updated with the new issue date of April 2000. The following appendices had additional changes made to them as follows:

Appendix A, *AES Common Error Messages*, error messages specific to ASE-PASS were either removed or modified (008, 020, 113, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 171, 370, 371, 372, R03, R04, and R05).

For 124 Fatal Error - Invalid Port of Exportation, the description was expanded to include 'ports that are inactive for export'. For 127 Fatal Err - Missing Inbond Code, was expanded to alert the filer that the Default of '70' (not inbond) must be reported here in lieu of a specific inbond code. The 185 Fatal Error was not implemented and was therefore removed. Transportation fatal error 637, 638, 639, 641, 675, 676, 677 and 678 were added in March.

Appendix E, *Export Information Codes*, on Page E-6 under For Manifest Use Only by AES Carriers, code **RP** was removed since the Automated Export Reporting Program no longer exists.

Appendix Q, *Recommended AES Edits*, the formatting was cleaned up and highlighting was added. Under the SCAC/IATA recommended edits, '** or 99O for flyaway aircraft beginning with HS 8802' was added. For the Logic Rules, references to the Mode of Transportation

Codes used in the X-12 formats were added. In the Logic Rules for Rail, Truck and Other MOTs, an explanation of valid Land Border Ports was included.

Appendix T, Valid Transportation Codes, the transportation codes used in the X-12 formats was added.

Appendix V, Valid HTSUS Numbers That Can Not Be Reported for Exports in AES, was created as an additional reference for filers. This list is available on the Census Bureau web site as well.

Appendix Z, Miscellaneous Information, was updated to include reference to the Foreign Trade Statistics Regulations Letter No. 168 (Amendment 1) which presents the SED Exemption Statements to be used when filing through AES.

These changed files are available on the Customs web site: www.customs.ustreas.gov/aes
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